

I support this petition and request the FCC maintain the suggested Morse requirements for General and Extra licenses. Even though digital modes such as PSK31 may require minimal transmitting power, CW is the only mode that can be generated with minimal equipment and transmitting power in times of emergency or bad propagation conditions.

I also agree with all suggested license class changes stated in the FISTS petition. By simplifying license requirements and removing the morse code requirement, the ability and the effectiveness of the Amateur Service is reduced, creating a group of consumers, unable to operate with technical proficiency required in both emergency and non-emergency situations. Making the suggested revisions will ensure the technical viability of the Amateur Radio Service and encourage improvement of operating skills.

Finally, I also agree that the FCC should maintain the qualifications and specify the content/requirements for licensing. While the VEC organizations want to ensure the popularity of the Amateur Radio Service as a hobby, they are suggesting changes that would weaken the viability the Amateur Radio Service.